Meeting of Fishersville Club.

FISHERSVILLE, Va., Feb'y 15, '90.

The Farmers' Club was called to order, President in the Chair. Following members answered to roll call: J T. Black, P. T.Burkholder, C. B. Coiner, J. W. Churchman, T. H. Cox, W. A. Freed, J. A. Gilkeson, F. H. Gilkeson, J. R. Kemper, G. W. C. Karnes, Sam'l Life, M. L. Leonard, A. H. McCue, W. B. Patterson, P. H. Rock, George E. Schmucker, and J. L. Wallace. The names of Dr. M. C. Hildebrand and Millard A. Coiner, were proposed for membership and unanimously elected. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved, when a motion to suspend regular order of business was adopted, and Mr. M. Kingsbury addressed the club upon the subject of the patent plan of growing hedge fence. After giving the various advantages of this plan of hedge fence, Mr. K. submitted a proposition to the club to furnish the members with this fence, which will be considered by the club. Mr. M. F. Gilkeson, who was present, also addressed the club, briefly giving his views in regard to this fence. Mr. Life stated that he had seen a great many beautiful and valuable hedges in the North and West, and he considered it a splendid fence. The Secretary reported the right to build the Leslie patent fence had been secured for the members of the club, and deeds would be furnished at once.

The Railroad Committee reported through the Secretary, who read a letter from G. W. Stevens, Esq., Supt. Chesapeake & Ohio Co., stating that the company at this time could not undertake the proposed hay sheds at Fishersville station asked for by the club. A committee consisting of J. W. Churchman, P. T. Burkholder and James R. Kemper, was then appointed, to immediately draft a bill requiring railroad companies to afford prompt shipment of all freights delivered to them, or be responsible for damages resulting from a failure to do so, and to urge the passage of said bill before the present Legislature. Mr. Life wanted a law requiring the companies to pay assessed damages, as the farmers could not go into the courts with small claims. Mr. Leonard stated they would always appeal to the higher courts. After a brief discussion the committee were instructed to proceed with the matter without delay.

Mr. Wallace wants a committee appointed to draft a stock law, and made a motion to that effect. Mr. Leonard thought at present it would not meet with favor, but believed the idea was gaining ground and would be demanded by the people ere long. Dr. Hildebrand said the Supervisors would order an election on the present law upon a petition of, he thought, fifty voters. Mr. Burkholder said the present law was defective, as it allowed stock to range at certain places, and he did not think stock of any kind should be allowed upon the public highways. Mr. Churchman said a lawful fence in North Carolina was three poles, plank or wire, the first two feet from the ground and the completed fence four and a half feet high. An amendment was then adopted appointing Mr. Wallace, Mr. Burkholder and Dr. Hildebrand a committe to draft a bill defining a lawful outside fence, and urge its passage by the Legislature.

Mr. Life proposed for discussion at the next meeting, "How to make more wheat grow per acre with less expense," Mr. Life said he raised 100 bushels of corn per acre this year, and he thought our lands should produce 40 to 60 bushels of wheat and believed it could be done.

Mr. Freed moved the Buying Committee should commence a correspondence with fertilizing manufacturers and dealers for our fall purchases in that line.

The club has gotten so much in the habit of oyster dinners that it was thought necessary to have them to-day, and the Old Ladies' Missionary Society of Tinkling Springs, not wishing to be outdone by the junior society, prepared the oysters in nice style and they were heartily enjoyed by those present. Fishersville society next.

All further business had to be postponed until next meeting and a motion to adjourn was adopted.

C. B. COINER,
President.

J. R. KEMPER, Sec'y.